Progress in setting up Gas Terminal at Usar

2199. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in according approval for the setting up of Gas Terminal at Usar;

(b) the details of action taken by the Central Government so far; and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The proposal for a gas terminal at Usar has to be examined in the context of laying a gas pipeline in the South from a suitable landfall point on the Western Coast, which has been approved in principle. The location of the landfall point will be based on techno-economic consideration.

Inadequate supply of crude oil to Barauni Refinery

2200. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI MOHD. AFZAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Barauni Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation is currently under-utilised in view of the inadequate supplies of crude oil from Assam oil fields;

(b) what is the installed capacity of the refinery and what were the quantities actually refined there during the last three years year-wise;

(c) what steps Government propose to take for full utilization of its installed capacity; and

(d) what is the amount of financial loss of the refinery and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Installed capacity of Barauni Refinery is 3.3 MMTPA. However, in view of inadequate supplies of crude oil from Assam, during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, actual crude processing has been 2.262, 2.287 and 2.222 Million Tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d) IOC has submitted a Detailed Feasibility Report to lay a crude oil pipeline from Haldia to Barauni to the Government recently which is being processed for obtaining necessary investment approval. Since the entire crude produced in North-East has been processed, the question of loss on this account does not arise.

बिहार में एल पी जी की नई एजेंसियों का खोला जाना

2201. **श्री जनार्दन यादव** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय बिहार के कितने जिलों में एल पी जी की एजेंसियां हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इस वर्ष के अंत तक उन स्थानों पर एजेंसियां आवंटित करने का विचार रखती है जहां पर एल पी जी की एजेंसियां नहीं हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) फिलहाल बिहार के 46 जिलों को एल पी जी की सुविधा हासिल है । आर्थिक साध्यता तथा उत्पाद के उपलब्ध होने पर जिन जिला मुख्यालयों में डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें नहीं हैं वहां तथा 20,000 और उससे अधिक जनसंख्या वाले स्थानों पर एल पी जी की डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें चरणों में खोली जाती हैं ।

तदनुसार, गढ़वा, चतरा, बांका गोड्डा और भभुआ जिला मुख्यालयों सहित 29 स्थानों को 1992–94 की चालू एल पी जी विपणन योजना में शामिल किया गया है। तेल चयन बोर्ड के माध्यम से डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के चयन का कार्य जारी है ।

Oil Drilling operations in Cochin

2202. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil drilling operations in the Cochin offshore are in progress; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHRAMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Gas to LPG Bottling Plant near Vijayawada

2203. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gnvernment have formulated a scheme to supply onshore/offshore gas obtained from ONGC operations in the LPG bottling unit near Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

News regarding prices of LPG

2204. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Private sector LPG price is cheaper..."appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 11th July, 1994;

(b) if so, the extent to which the news report is correct;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the LPG prices, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The products imported under the Parallel Marketing System can be sold at market determined prices since there is no price control by Goernment over the products imported under this system.

(c) and (d) There is no such proopsal under consideration.

Production of the servo Lubricants

2205. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production capacity of lubricant brand name SERVO of IOBL, a subsidiary company of Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) what is the capacity utilisation of "SERVO" during the last three years;

(c) what is the market share of IOC for this lubricant;